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PREFACE

The following pages containing the record of the ancestry of Lydia Foster, the wife of Stephen Lincoln, so far as it is known to the compiler, may be considered as properly belonging to the work published in 1895, under the title of "Stephen Lincoln of Oakham, Massachusetts, His Ancestry and Descendants," and would have been included in that had the material been then ready.

A long search for the Foster ancestry, chiefly along the lines descending from Reginald Foster of Ipswich, resulted in failure, and not until a thorough search of original records revealed the fact that the ancestor of Lydia was John Foster of Salem, did it prove successful.

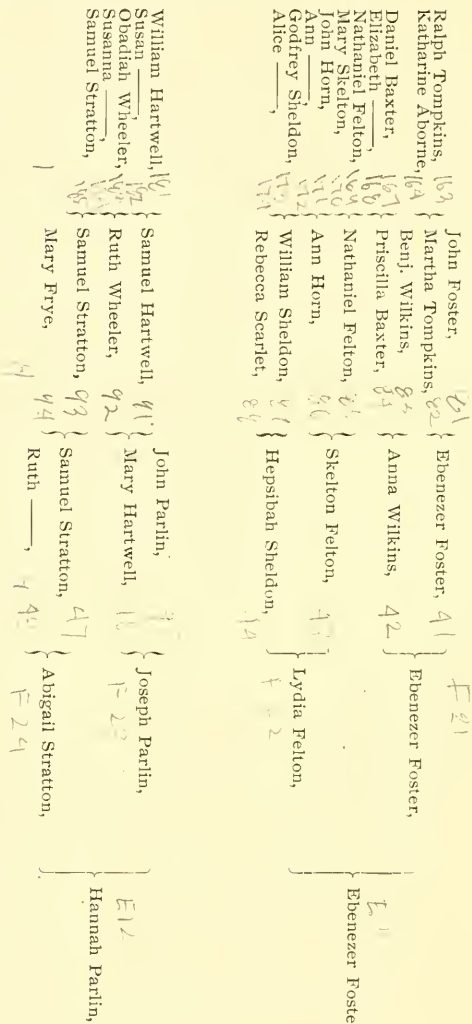
Lydia Foster married Stephen Lincoln April 29, 1779, and their descendants (enumerated in the work above mentioned) are, of course, the descendants of the families here recorded. The compiler regrets his failure to trace some of the lines, a result nearly always inevitable by reason of the incompleteness of records; notably, the failure to give other than the *christian* name of the wife in Land and Probate records. In some instances, where the *family* name is known, it has proved impossible to connect it with the ancestral family.

The following list will sum up the failures:

- Daniel Baxter married Elizabeth ——— .
- Godfrey Sheldon married Alice ——— .
- William Sheldon married Rebecca Scarlet.
- William Hartwell married Susan ——— .
- Obadiah Wheeler married Susanna ——— .
- Samuel Stratton married ——— .
- Samuel Stratton, Jr., married Mary Frye.
- Samuel Stratton, 3d, married Ruth ——— .

Should this meet the eye of any person able to complete the record in any of the above instances, he will merit the hearty thanks of the compiler if he will communicate the fact to him.

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Lydia Foster

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Stephen Lincoln.

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FOSTER.

John Foster was born in 1618, as shown by a deposition recorded in Essex Land Records, Vol. III, page 99. He settled in Salem, and married Martha, daughter of Ralph and Katharine (Aborne) Tompkins, born about 1636. He was the owner of considerable property in the North Fields, though, curiously enough, the Land Grants of Salem and the Record of Deeds of Essex County show no lands of which he was the grantee, but by deeds given by him we learn that he was possessed of upland, swamp, and salt marsh on the north side of the North Field, which formerly belonged to Thomas Scudder, Sen. (Essex Deeds, IV. 79.), also thirty acres "near unto Ipswich River", within the limits of Salem, formerly granted him by the town (Essex Deeds, III. 56), also salt marshes at Royal Side, and at the Great Cove in the North Field. (Essex Deeds, IX. 36.)

The will of John Foster was dated November 16, 1687, and proved in the Court at Ipswich, March 14, 1687-8, and on file in the Boston Probate Court. (Wills, Vol. X. 266, File 1625.) By it he confirms to his son John, "the land where he now dwelleth which formerly I gave him." To son Samuel, he gives "the piece of land wch Lyes before his doore." To son David his dwelling-house and about five acres of land. To his sons Joseph, Jonathan, and Ebenezer, "all the rest of my lands in the northfields and marshes and meadows in the same, with the marsh at Royal Side, after my wife's decease or after her marriage, provided they pay unto their three sisters, Mary, Elizabeth, and Martha, four pounds in pay, a part in five years after they come to enjoy the said land. It is to be divided equally by Indifferent men both as to quantity and quality, always excepting the third of the two pieces of marsh

at the Great Cove, given to my son John by his grandfather, which I hereby confirm." He gives also to his three daughters twenty shillings apiece in current pay, to be paid by his executors in seven years after his decease. To his wife is given all the "moveables" and stock, to be divided equally among the children at her death, and his wife and son David are appointed executors. The inventory of his estate disclosed a value of £136.18, of which £83 was in land, £19.8 in live stock, and £34.4 in household and personal effects. (Suffolk Probate, VI. 145.) His wife survived him and may have married for her second husband Richard Adams, who by an instrument dated November 16, 1688, conveyed land to "Martha, relict of John Foster, deceased, my intended wife."

CHILDREN.

MARY, bap. March 29, 1649-50; m. Dec. 31, 1672, Hugh Jones, as his second wife. In 1695-6 she was a widow.

SAMUEL, bap. March 7, 1651-2. Husbandman; lived in Salem. He married May 14, 1676, Sarah Stuard, perhaps sister of his brother John's wife. (2d) Margaret ———.

JOHN, bap. June 3, 1655; died 1714. His will was dated January 30, 1706-7 and proved in July, 1714. He lived in Salem. He married March 18, 1672, Mary Stuard, she died about 1690, and he married (2d) July 12, 1692, Mary (Cowes), widow of John Pomeroy. She was received into the First Church of Salem June 1, 1707, "by letter from Chebacco."

BENJAMIN, b. July 3, 1658; not mentioned in his father's will.

JONATHAN, b. Dec. 20, 1660; d. March 28, 1662.

JONATHAN, b. Nov. 22, 1662; d. Nov. 6, 1667.

JOSEPH, b. in 1664; bap. in July, 1667. Lived in Salem until about 1704, when he removed to Dorchester. He married November 21, 1683, Anna, daughter of Henry and Mary (Southwick?) Trask, who was born April 14, 1654. She was the widow of Robert Wilson.

DAVID, b. October 16, 1665; d. in 1748. His will was dated May 10, 1743, and proved October 24, 1748. He lived in Salem. He married January 13, 1686-7, Hannah, daughter of Anthony and Elizabeth Buxton, who was born in Salem January 27, 1665. He married (2d) in December 1732, Elizabeth Herbut. (Published November 18, 1732.)

ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 22, 1667.

JONATHAN, bap. June 12, 1670. He was a cordwainer, and was living in Boston in 1725.

HANNAH, bap. July 21, 1672. Admitted to Church January 30, 1703.

MARTHA, bap. Sept., 1674; m. Oct. 25, 1693, John Derrick.

+ EBENEZER, b. Aug. 5, 1677, m. Anna Wilkins.

Ebenezer Foster, born in Salem, August 5, 1677, married there December 19, 1700, Anna, daughter of Benjamin and Priscilla (Baxter) Wilkins, of Salem. She was born October 31, 1681. The will of Ebenezer Foster was dated March 23, 1717-8, and devised his property to his wife "during her widowhood, and if she see cause to marry, then one-third part during her natural life of all the estate, real and personal." (Essex Probate, Vol. 313, page 316.) She married (2d) Isaac Wilkins of Salem, and in accordance with the terms of the will, which directed that she make division to the children "as she sees fitt," she, "being willing to advance her children which she had by her late former husband, Ebenezer Foster," sold for a consideration of £250, to her eldest son, Jonathan, then of age and living in Boston, eighteen and a half acres of land in the North Field, "for the advancement of the said Jonathan and his Bretheren and sisters." This was done March 25, 1725. (Essex Deeds, 45, 37.) Ebenezer Foster lived in the "Middle Precinct" of Salem, now South Danvers.

CHILDREN.

ABIGAIL, b. Sept. 10, 1701; m. Jan 1, 1719-20, Nathan Taylor of Salem.

JONATHAN, b. Sept. 9, 1703; was of Boston June 2, 1732, when he was guardian of his brother Joshua.

STEPHEN, b. Feb. 28, 1705.

BENJAMIN, b. May 12, 1708; said to have married Mehitabel Steward.

Lived first in Danvers, probably, then removed to Lunenburg.

+ EBENEZER, b. Aug. 23, 1710; m. Lydia Felton.

ANNA, bap. April 3, 1715.

JOSHUA, b. in 1718.

Ebenezer Foster, born in Salem, August 23, 1710, lived in that town in the part known as the "Middle Precinct," now South Danvers, having lands also in the North Fields. He married December 11, 1731, Lydia, daughter of Skelton and Hepsibah (Sheldon) Felton of Salem. She was baptized December 28, 1712. The house of Ebenezer Foster was struck and shattered by lightning July 11, 1734, and a horse and two oxen standing near by, were killed. In April, 1744, his father-in-law bought of James Wright, of Rutland, 150 acres of land in that town and removed thither, and at the same time Ebenezer Foster sold his homestead (April 3d) in the Middle Parish

of Salem, (Essex Deeds, 85, 186.) and went also to Rutland, where, with his wife, he appears the following year on the records. (Worcester Deeds, 27, 134.) February 9, 1647-8 he bought lands of Jonas Clark of Boston, "lying on the Pine Plain in the settling part thereof," being lot No. 25 of the Proprietors records, and subsequently purchased other lands in Rutland. He was a weaver as well as a farmer. There is no record of the death of Ebenezer Foster in Rutland, and he may have returned to Salem. His wife Lydia did, and was a widow when received into the Salem Church, April 23, 1770. Administration on her estate was granted to John Walton, February 6, 1793.

CHILDREN.

+ EBENEZER, b. 1733; m. Dec. 1, 1757, Hannah Parlin.

LYDIA, b. ———; m. May 22, 1755, Jonathan Bullard.

SKELTON, b. ———; m. (pub.) October, 1766, Hannah Hinds of Rutland.

SAMUEL, b. ———; m. (pub.) Dec. 1786, Patty Williams of Oakham.

Ebenezer Foster, born in 1733, probably in the Middle Precinct of Salem, now South Danvers, removed with his father's family, in 1744, to Rutland. In the French and Indian war of 1754-63, Massachusetts sent a number of military expeditions, one of them, in the spring of 1755, against Crown Point. In this expedition Ebenezer Foster served as a soldier under Colonel John Murray. He married December 1, 1757, Hannah, daughter of Joseph and Abigail (Stratton) Parlin of Concord. She was born January 24, 1739-40. March 26, 1756, he purchased of Sheers Beery of Rutland a tract of 100 acres of land lying in Rutland West Wing, now Oakham, being part of lot No. 8. The West Wing had been laid out previous to its settlement, by the proprietors of Rutland, into lots of 250 acres each. When the town of Oakham was incorporated June 11th, 1672, Ebenezer Foster was living there and was a prominent man in the local history of the town, having held most of the offices within its gift. He was one of the minute-men who sprang to arms at the Lexington Alarm, in April, 1775, and marched with the company of his fellow citizens towards the scene of the encounter, but arrived too late to be of service in the fight. It is recorded on the Oakham records that he received £22 pay in English money for three months' service

in the army in guarding British prisoners in Rutland, in 1779. He was an officer in the militia, and his title of lieutenant is engraved on his tombstone. His will was dated March 9, 1808, and proved April 9, 1811. He died March 19, 1811, in the 79th year of his age. His wife died February 28, 1808, and their gravestones stand in the old church-yard in Oakham.

CHILDREN.

ANNAH, b. Aug. 28, 1758; d. March 9, 1760.

LYDIA, b. Feb. 3, 1760; m. April 29, 1779, Stephen Lincoln, son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Robinson) Lincoln. He was born in Rehoboth, Mass., Dec. 3, 1751. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and a resident of Oakham, Mass., where he died March 16, 1840. Lydia (Foster) Lincoln, died April 8, 1839. [For their Descendants, see "Stephen Lincoln, of Oakham," Pub. 1895.]

JOSEPH, b. March 25, 1762; m. Rebecca Gage of Sudbury, Vermont, and died there Feb. 9, 1813.

LEPHEUS, b. May 23, 1764; m. Nov. 30, 1788, Bathsheba, daughter of Thomas Read, whose sister Sarah married Barzillai Miles. She was born Oct. 9, 1767, and died Nov. 27, 1858. He died Feb. 7, 1813.

ZADOCK, b. Feb. 1, 1767; m. Jan. 19, 1789, Sally Porter of Hubbardstown. He died at Cohoes, N. Y.

EBENEZER, b. Aug. 12, 1769; m. May 25, 1806, Miriam Ruggles of Oakham. He died in New Braintree, July 12, 1819.

HANNAH, b. May 18, 1772. Not named in her father's will.

WILLIAM, b. May 8, 1774; m. Sept. 18, 1799, Betsey Nichols of New Braintree, and died in Chili, N. Y.

BENJAMIN, b. Aug. 14, 1776; m. Mrs. Deborah Fitts of Oakham, and (2d) Mrs. Lydia Long of Ohio. He removed to Ohio and died there.

MOLLY, b. Jan. 4, 1779; d. in Oakham March 21, 1839.

SPENCER, b. May 25, 1781; m. Sally Upton, of Hardwick. He died in Oakham Nov. 29, 1854. She died Jan. 21, 1879, aged 97.

TOMPKINS.

Ralph Tompkins, born in 1585, came to New England from the port of London in the *Truelove*, in September, 1635, with his family. He married Katharine Aborne (sometimes called Eborne), sister of Samuel, and, perhaps, daughter of Thomas Aborne, who was living in Salem in 1642, being then aged. In 1635 Ralph Tompkins had a grant of land at the

head of Cow-house River, afterwards known as Endicott's River, and later as Water's River. This was again confirmed to him in 1654, as shown by the following from the Book of Grants: "May 8, 1654. — Whereas there was a spott of medow lying nere mr downings ffarme on the north west, (and on the west to a farme that was granted to Phillipp verin at the head of the Cow house river in the yere 1648), graunted to Raphe Tompkins, it is now againe confirmed to him puided it was nott wthin any mans bounds before the said graunt." January 23, 1642, there was "Granted to Ralph Tompkins, 10 acres, to be laid out nere to brother kings lot." January 29, 1648, there was also "granted to Ralph Tompkins a small peice of medow lying nere Maior genall Endicott's last grant, in a corner by a small brooke & a great swampe." He was made freeman in May, 1638, and died in Salem in November, 1666. The following is a deposition made by Ann and Edward Small, Samuel Aborne, and Nathaniel Felton as to the disposition of the property: "Sayth yt In ye day of discorse wtt Ralph Tomkins, did heare him seaureall times say that itt was his will yt Mary ffoster should have his kow and all his household goods after his decese, in regard she Had ben such a good nurs unto him, for said Hee, she has don more for mee and my poore wife than anybody else would have don." The inventory of his estate was taken Nov. 12, 1666, by Thomas Gardner and John Kitchen, and amounted to £20.19.0., out of which £5 was allowed for debts. Administration was given to his son John, and it was decreed that the land was to go to the said John; and, after the debts were paid, the balance to Mary, daughter of John Foster, his granddaughter.

CHILDREN.

JOHN, b. about 1610; m. Margaret —. She died July 18, 1672, and he married (2d) in September, 1673, Mary Read. He died June 23, 1681.

SAMUEL, b. about 1613; m. in October, 1639, Lettice Foster of Scituate; and lived in Duxbury, and afterwards in Bridgewater.

ELIZABETH, b. about 1617.

+ MARTHA, b. about 1621; m. John Foster. *m 1645.*

MARTHA TOMPKINS m. John Foster.

EBENEZER FOSTER m. Anna Wilkins.

EBENEZER FOSTER m. Lydia Felton.

EBENEZER FOSTER m. Hannah Parlin.

LYDIA FOSTER m. Stephen Lincoln.

ABORNE.

Thomas Aborne was living in Salem in 1642, at wh^o time he was an old man, according to the record. He has been made freeman May 14, 1634, and by trade was a tanner. Feb. 20, 1636, it is recorded in the Land Grants of Salem that "Thomas Eaborne may have three acres next to Ensign davenport tenn acre lott laid out without warrant." In 1642, "ould Thomas Eaborne" was "presented for wronging the contry by insufficient tanning. His answer was acceptable, but he was admonished and is only to pay ye witness 2/3." It is not proved that he was the father of Katharine, but no reasonable doubt of the fact exists.

CHILDREN.

SAMUEL, b. —.

+KATHARINE, b. — ; m. Ralph Tompkins.

KATHARINE ABORNE m. Ralph Tompkins.

MARTHA TOMPKINS m. John Foster.

EBENEZER FOSTER m. Anna Wilkins.

EBENEZER FOSTER m. Lydia Felton.

EBENEZER FOSTER m. Hannah Parlin.

LYDIA FOSTER m. Stephen Lincoln.

WILKINS.

Benjamin Wilkins, born — ; married June 3, 1677, Priscilla, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Baxter of Salem. She was born in June, 1652, and was baptized as an adult Feb. 16, 1689, at Salem village, now North Parish, Danvers. The will of Benjamin Wilkins was dated July 15, 1715, and is of record in Essex Probate Court, Vol. 311, page 344.

CHILDREN.

PRISCILLA, b. March 24, 1677-8 ; d. young.

BENJAMIN, b. Dec. 3, 1679 ; m. Feb. 10, 1701-2, Rebecca Knight of Topsfield.

+ANNA, b. Oct. 31, 1681 ; m. Ebenezer Foster.

JONATHAN, b. Feb. 24, 1683.

SARAH, b. May 11, 1686 ; m. in July, 1703, Henry Wilkins.

ABIGAIL, b. Sept. 12, 1688.

PRISCILLA, b. April 21, 1691. Not mentioned in her father's will.

DANIEL, b. — ; bap. Aug. 6, 1693 ; m. Dec. 19, 1721, Mary Hutchinson.

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ANNA WILKINS m. Ebenezer Foster.

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EBENEZER FOSTER m. Hannah Parlin.

LYDIA FOSTER m. Stephen Lincoln.

BAXTER.

Daniel Baxter was granted five acres of land in Salem March 4, 1638, and July 16th of that year, according to the record, "Daniel Baxter propoundeth himself to be an Inhabitant." Dec. 16, 1644, there was granted to him "A little pcell of Salt marshe lying at the end of his tenne acre lott in the South feild." His wife was Elizabeth —.

CHILDREN.

ELIZABETH, b. September, 1644; m. Oct. 29, 1674, John Rogers.

SUSANNAH, b. September, 1646.

REBECCA, b. —.

+ PRISCILLA, b. June, 1652; m. June 3, 1677, Benjamin Wilkins.

PRISCILLA BAXTER m. Benjamin Wilkins.

ANNA WILKINS m. Ebenezer Foster.

EBENEZER FOSTER m. Lydia Felton.

EBENEZER FOSTER m. Hannah Parlin.

LYDIA FOSTER m. Stephen Lincoln.

FELTON.

Nathaniel Felton, born about 1615, came from England to Salem in 1633, where he lived 72 years. Dec. 7, 1658, he was granted four acres of meadow by the town, and Feb. 11, 1677-8, he was granted 20 acres of common land lying next his farm. He married Mary, daughter of Rev. Samuel Skelton, the first minister of Salem. She died May 8, 1701, aged about 75 years. At the time of the trial of Rebecca Nurse, accused of witchcraft, in 1692, a paper signed by forty persons of the highest respectability, testifying to her blameless character, was offered in testimony, Nathaniel Felton being one of the testators. He died July 30, 1705, aged 90 years, and his will, dated October, 1703, was proved in May, 1706, and is recorded in the Probate Records of Essex, Vol. 309, page 30.

CHILDREN.

- JOHN, b. about 1645; m. in 1670 Mary Tompkins. She died Dec. 12, 1691.
He died Feb. 19, 1717-8.
- RUTH, bap. Oct. 29, 1648; m. James Houlton of Salem.
- MARY, bap. April 6, 1651; d. young.
- ELIZABETH, b. March 18, 1652; m. Thomas Watkins.
- NATHANIEL, bap. Oct. 28, 1654; d. young.
- +NATHANIEL, b. Aug. 15, 1655; m. Ann Horn.
- MARY, b. Jan. 15, 1657. Not mentioned in her father's will.
- HANNAH, bap. June 20, 1663; m. in 1684 Samuel Endicott.
- SUSANNA, bap. March 29, 1665. Not mentioned in her father's will.

Nathaniel Felton, Jr., born Aug. 15, 1655; married Ann, daughter of Deacon John Horn of Salem. He lived near Felton Hill in Salem, and was constable in 1721. He died about January, 1733-4, aged 78 years. His will, dated July 6, 1731, was proved Feb. 26, 1733-4. The residue of the estate he gave to his son Skelton, "he yielding to his mother a comfortable maintenance during her natural life." The record of the will may be found in Essex Probate, Vol. 321, page 137.

CHILDREN.

- +SKELTON, b. about 1680; m. Hepsibah Sheldon.
- JOHN, b. —; m. January, 1709, Mary Putnam of Marblehead.
- EBENEZER, b. 1685; m. about 1710 Mehitabel —.
- JONATHAN, b. —; m. 1718-9, Rebecca Needham.
- DANIEL, b. about October, 1687; m. Sarah —.
- MARGARET, bap. 1691; m. Nov. 22, 1715, Freeborn Reeves.
- SARAH, b. —; m. in 1720 David Marsh.
- MARY, b. —.

Skelton Felton, born about 1680; married May 29, 1712, Hepsibah, daughter of William and Rebecca (Scarlet) Sheldon of Salem. She was an adult when baptized, May 12, 1706. Skelton Felton lived in Salem about 65 years. In April, 1744, he bought of James and Patience Wright of Rutland 150 acres of land in that town. He moved to Rutland, with his son Joseph, and died there in 1749, aged nearly 70 years. His will was dated Jan. 5, 1745, and proved in May, 1749.

CHILDREN.

- +LYDIA, b. Dec. 28, 1712; m. Ebenezer Foster.
- REBECCA, b. —; bap. Feb. 7, 1714; m. Joseph Houlton.
- JOSEPH, bap. Aug. 14, 1715; m. Mary Trask of Salem.

.., bap. in 1717 ; m. Jacob Shaw of Leicester.

JAMIN, bap. May 8, 1720.

EPSIBAH, bap. Jan. 20, 1722-3 ; m. Samuel Haywood of Holden.

RUTH, bap. May, 1725 ; m. March 8, 1747-8, John Grout of Rutland.

LYDIA FELTON m. Ebenezer Foster.

EBENEZER FOSTER m. Hannah Parlin.

LYDIA FOSTER m. Stephen Lincoln.

SKELTON.

Reverend Samuel Skelton is thought to have been born in Yorkshire, England, about 1584. He entered St. Clair Hall, Cambridge, about 1599, graduated about 1606, and became minister to the regular English Established Church about 1608. He married about 1612, but the name of his wife is unknown to us. The Massachusetts Bay Company in London, upon the receipt of their charter, engaged actively in the settlement of the new country, and, as an early step in the accomplishment of their purpose, selected a number of ministers to be forwarded to the new colony. Rev. Francis Higginson of Leicester, Rev. Francis Bright of Roily in Essex, and Rev. Samuel Skelton, of Lincolnshire were chosen and contracts made with each by the Company. April 17th, 1629, the Company wrote to John Endicott, the Governor of the Colony, "And for that the propagating of the Gospel is the Thing wee doe profess above all to bee our ayme in settling the Plantacon, wee have bin carefull to make plentyfull provision of godly ministers, by whose faithfull preaching, godly conversacon, and exemplary lyfe, wee trust not only those of our own nation wilbe built up in the knowledge of God, but also the Indians may, in God's appointed tyme be reduced to obedyence of the Gosple of Christ. One of them is well known to yourself, viz: Mr. Skelton, whom we have the rather desired to beare a part in this worke, for that wee are informed your selfe hath formerly received much good by his ministry ; he cometh in the George Bonaventure, Mr. Thomas Cox. Another is Mr. Higgesson, a grave man, and of worthy commendacons ; he cometh in the Talbot. The third is Mr. Bright, sometymes trained up under Mr. Davenport, who cometh in the Lyon's Whelp. Wee pray you accommodate them with all the necessaryes as well you may, and in convenient time lett there bee houses built them according to the agreement wee have made with them."

The following is the contract made with Messrs. Higgin and Skelton :

“The 8th of April, 1629. Mr. Francis Higgeson and Mr. Samuel Skelton intended ministers for this plantacon, and it being thought meete to consider of their entertainment, who expressing their willingness, together also with Mr. Francis Bright, being now present to doe their endeavor in their places of the ministerie, as well in preaching, catechisinge, as also on teaching or causing to be taught the company's servants and their children, as also the salvages and their children, whereby to their uttermost to further the main end of this plantacon, being by the assistance of Almighty God the conversion of the salvages. The propositions and agreements concluded on with Mr. Francis Bright the second of february last, were reciprocally accepted of by Mr. Francis Higgeson and Mr. Samuel Skelton, who are in every respect to have the like conditions as Mr. Bright hath, only whereas Mr. Higgeson hath eight children, it is intended that £10 more yearly shalbe allowed him toward their chardges ; and it is agreed that the increase to be improved of all their grounds during the first 3 years, shalbe at the company's disposeinge, who are to find their dyet during that time ; and £10 more to Mr. Higgeson, towards his present fitting him and his for the voyage.”

The conditions referred to in Mr. Bright's contract and which were made part of the contract with Messrs. Higginson and Skelton, were, £20 towards charges for fitting him for the voyage ; £10 towards the providing of books, which should go to his successor ; £20 annual salary for three years, also “necessaries of dyet, housing and fierwood,” and the cost of transportation to New England. A house built for his use and lands allotted, which should go to his successor. At the end of three years, 100 acres of land to be his absolutely, and at the end of seven years, 100 acres more, and in the case of his death his family to be cared for during their stay in the plantation.

Rev. Samuel Skelton sailed with his family in the “George,” May 4th, and arrived in Salem June 23d, 1629, where he organized the first Church of the Puritans July 30th of that year, and was installed pastor, with Francis Higginson as teacher, August 6th. He was granted by the authorities about 200 acres of land then in Salem but now within the limits of Danversport. It was first called “Skelton Neck,” and afterwards New Mills. Mrs. Skelton died March 15, 1631. Winthrop says of her, “She was a goodly and helpful woman. She lived desired and died lamented, and well deserves to be honorably remembered.” “As a pastor, Mr. Skelton was faithful to watch

for the safety of his flock and guide them in the way of duty and happiness. He exercised fortitude under severe trials and stood firmly in his lot. In his manners he was reserved; his talents and attainments were respectable. 'A man of gracious speech, full of faith, and furnished by the Lord with gifts from above.' He died Aug. 2, 1634.

CHILDREN.

- + MARY, b. ———; m. Nathaniel Felton, Sen.
 SUSANNAH, b. ———; m. John Marsh, and (2d) Thomas Rix.
 ELIZABETH, b. ———; m. Robert Sanford of Boston.
 SAMUEL, b. ———
 MARY SKELTON m. Nathaniel Felton.
 NATHANIEL FELTON m. Ann Horn.
 SKELTON FELTON m. Hepsibah Sheldon.
 LYDIA FELTON m. Ebenezer Foster.
 EBENEZER FOSTER m. Hannah Parlin.
 LYDIA FOSTER m. Stephen Lincoln.

HORN.

John Horn of Salem was made freeman May 18, 1631. In 1636 he was granted 75 acres of land in Salem, and in 1638, ten acres of marsh. In 1637 John Horn was granted land for a windmill, near the "berial place," and in 1639 he moved his mill to Wind-mill Point, on the south side of the North River. He was a deacon in the Church fifty years. He married Ann ———. His will was dated Oct. 8, 1679, and proved Feb. 27, 1683-4. He died in November, 1684, aged 82 years. The name is now commonly known as Orne.

CHILDREN.

- JOHN, b. ———; m. Oct. 30, 1667, Mary Clark. She died June 19, 1690.
 SIMEON, b. Oct. 28, 1649; m. Feb. 28, 1675, Widow Rebecca Stevens.
 JOSEPH, b. ———; m. in July, 1677, Ann Thompson.
 BENJAMIN, b. ———; m. before 1684, ——— (His daughter Mercy was born Jan. 24, 1684.)
 ELIZABETH, b. ———; m. ——— Gardner.
 MARY, b. ———; m. ——— Smith.
 JEHOADAN, b. ———; m. ——— Hervey. Not mentioned in will.
 + ANN, b. March 22, 1657; m. Nathaniel Felton, Jr.
 JONATHAN, b. July 28, 1658; d. Sept. 11, 1658.

ANN HORN m. Nathaniel Felton, Jr.
 SKELTON FELTON m. Hepsibah Sheldon.
 LYDIA SHELDON m. Ebenezer Foster.
 EBENEZER FOSTER m. Hannah Parlin.
 LYDIA FOSTER m. Stephen Lincoln.

SHELDON.

Godfrey Sheldon was of Black Point, now Scarborough, Maine. In 1660 he bought of Henry Jocelyn a farm of 100 acres upon which he lived during the remainder of his life, and which was afterwards occupied by his son William. He married Alice ——. His will was dated March 13, 1663-4, but it was not probated until 1671, in which year he died, aged about 72. In addition to the sons named in his will, he had daughters, whose names are not given.

CHILDREN.

+ WILLIAM, b. ———; m. Rebecca Scarlet.
 JOHN, b. ———.

William Sheldon, born ———, married Rebecca Scarlet, sister of Samuel and John Scarlet, of Boston. They were from Skerry, County Suffolk, England. He received by his father's will one-half of the property, and lived at the homestead which was located "on the opposite side of the river from John Libby's." Here he remained until driven away by the Indians in 1675, when he went to Salem. After King Philip's War he returned to Scarborough and remained until 1690 when he, with other inhabitants, were compelled to forsake the town. Upon the second settlement early in the next century, the Sheldon estate fell into the hands of Daniel Fogg of Kittery, afterwards of Scarborough. The will of William Sheldon was dated Nov. 29, 1692, and by it his wife is given all the real estate belonging to him in Salem, houses, lands, and movables, for her own use and the bringing up of the children. To his son Ephraim, all houses and lands and livings lying at the eastward, at Black Point or Scarborough, he to pay £5 apiece to each of his sisters after four years, each to be paid

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one year after the other. Nov. 15, 1693, the 100 acres Black Point were deeded to Richard Long for the consideration of £60, by the widow Rebecca and son Ephraim.

CHILDREN.

EPHRAIM, b. ———.

NATHANIEL, b. ———; d. in Salem Nov. 30, 1675.

MARY, b. ———.

LYDIA, b. ———.

SARAH, b. ———.

REBECCA, b. ———.

+ HEPSIBAH, b. ———; m. Skelton Felton.

HEPSIBAH SHELDON m. Skelton Felton.

LYDIA FELTON m. Ebenezer Foster.

EBENEZER FOSTER m. Hannah Parlin.

LYDIA FOSTER m. Stephen Lincoln.

PARLIN.

John Parlin, born about 1666, is found in Concord in 1680. He lived in the north part of the town, "near unto Berry Corner," where he was the owner of considerable land, though no deed of his first purchase appears upon the land records of Middlesex County. He married, in Concord, Nov. 1, 1688, Mary, daughter of Samuel and Ruth (Wheeler) Hartwell. She was born Feb. 16, 1667, and died March 14, 1738-9. He died Feb. 24, 1750, aged about 84. There is no record of his will. From the lateness of his advent, we might be led to think that John Parlin was not the original adventurer of the name to New England, but we have been unable to find any other, either in the Plymouth or Massachusetts colonies.

CHILDREN.

JOHN, b. July 11, 1689; m. May 12, 1718, Mary Heald.

MARY, b. Oct. 8, 1692.

JOSEPH, b. July 24, 1695; d. June 10, 1697.

+ JOSEPH, b. Sept. 22, 1698.

JONATHAN, b. June 22, 1701.

ESTHER, b. Jan. 3, 1705-6.

RUTH, b. April 7, 1709; m. Dec. 12, 1738, Thomas Mead.

Joseph Parlin, born Sept. 22, 1698; married Abigail Stratton, daughter of Samuel 3d and Ruth Stratton. She was born Jan. 24, 1705-6.

CHILDREN.

- SARAH, b. Jan. 7, 1727-8; m. May 23, 1751, Samson Wheeler of Acton.
 ABIGAIL, b. March 2, 1728-9.
 DANIEL, b. June 28, 1732.
 SIMON, b. Dec. 20, 1734; d. May 28, 1753.
 RUTH, b. Aug. 31, 1737.
 +HANNAH, b. Jan. 24, 1739-40; m. Dec. 1, 1757, Ebenezer Foster.
 OLIVER, b. Sept. 21, 1741.
 MARY, b. July 4, 1743; m. Feb. 25, 1762, Josiah Parlin, son of David and Sarah Parlin. He was born May 5, 1730.
 PETER, b. Oct. 7, 1747; d. Oct. 11, 1756.
 PHEBE, b. May 14, 1750; d. Oct. 11, 1756.
 HANNAH PARLIN m. Ebenezer Foster.
 LYDIA FOSTER m. Stephen Lincoln.

HARTWELL.

William Hartwell was born in 1600, and came, according to tradition, from County Kent, England. He settled in Concord, probably as early as 1636, in that part of the town now Lincoln. He may have brought a wife with him, or married her after reaching this country, but her name is unknown. He married (2d) Susan —, and (3d) Jazen —. The latter died Aug. 15, 1695. He was a valuable citizen, and Savage says he was a quartermaster in the militia; but it is more likely that it was his son, who was appointed by the General Court Oct. 15, 1673, for the father would have been at that time too old. He was made freeman May 18, 1642, and died March 12, 1690, aged 90 years.

CHILDREN.

- WILLIAM, b. 1638.
 JOHN, b. Feb. 23, 1640-1.
 MARY, b. 1643.

BY SECOND MARRIAGE.

- +SAMUEL, b. March 26, 1645.

BY THIRD MARRIAGE.

- MARTHA, b. April 25, 1649.
 SARAH, b. —.
 JONATHAN, b. —.
 NATHANIEL, b. —.

Samuel Hartwell, born March 26, 1645. Savage says that it is of record that his mother was Susan. He married Oct. 26, 1665, Ruth, daughter of Obadiah and Susanna Wheeler. She was born April 23, 1642, and died Dec. 19, 1713. He died Aug. 5, 1695. They lived in Concord.

CHILDREN.

+MARY, b. Feb. 16, 1668; married Nov. 1, 1688, John Parlin.
 RUTH, b. Oct. 17, 1669.
 WILLIAM, b. Aug. 19, 1671.
 JOHN, b. June 18, 1673.
 HANNAH, b. Oct. 8, 1675.
 ELIZABETH, b. Oct. 22, 1677.
 SARAH, b. July 10, 1679.
 ABIGAIL, b. May 1, 1681.
 REBECCA, b. Feb. 14, 1683.
 JANE, b. Nov. 30, 1684.

MARY HARTWELL m. John Parlin.

JOSEPH PARLIN m. Abigail Stratton.

HANNAH PARLIN m. Ebenezer Foster.

LYDIA FOSTER m. Stephen Lincoln.

WHEELER.

Obadiah Wheeler, born about 1608, was of Concord in 1638. He was made freeman June 2, 1641. His wife was Susanna —, who died March 24, 1649. He died Oct. 27, 1671, aged 63. His will was made Oct. 6, 1671. In it he says: "The Lord of his goodness hath given me six children, five sons and one daughter, which I resigne into the hands of the Almightye." He names them, and his property is divided among the six. He omits all mention of Ruth, who is conclusively shown by the Concord records to have been his daughter. Possibly she may have married against his will, and been disowned on that account. The inventory of his estate amounted to £455.4.9.

CHILDREN.

JOSHUA, b. —; m. Elizabeth —.
 JOHN, b. Jan. 27, 1640; m. March 25, 1663, Sarah Larkin.
 +RUTH, b. April 23, 1642; m. Oct. 26, 1665, Samuel Hartwell.
 Son, b. Dec. 25; d. Dec. 29, 1643.

SAMUEL, b. Feb. 22, 1644-5 ; m. Nov. 10, 1673, Mary Perry.

OBADIAH, b. — ; m. July 17, 1672, Elizabeth White.

JOSIAH, b. —.

SUSANNA, b. March 17, 164-.

RUTH WHEELER m. Samuel Hartwell.

MARY HARTWELL m. John Parlin.

JOSEPH PARLIN m. Abigail Stratton.

HANNAH PARLIN m. Ebenezer Foster.

LYDIA FOSTER m. Stephen Lincoln.

STRATTON.

Samuel Stratton, of Watertown, was born in 1592. He came to New England perhaps with a family, but the name of his first wife is unknown. He was made freeman May 18, 1653. He married (2d) in Boston, Aug. 28, 1657, Mrs. Margaret Parker, probably the widow of William. He died Dec. 25, 1672, leaving a will which was probated March 31, 1673, in which he names his sons Samuel and John, and Samuel, son of his son Richard, deceased. His sons Richard and John were probably early settlers of East Hampton, L. I., in 1649, but returned afterward to Watertown. His widow died Dec. 7, 1676, aged 81.

CHILDREN.

RICHARD, b. about 1628 ; d. in Watertown July 25, 1658, aged about 30. His wife was Susan ——. She married (2) June 11, 1660, Thomas Daken.
+ SAMUEL, b. —.

JOHN, b. — ; m. in Watertown March 10, 1658-9, Elizabeth Traine, daughter of John and Margaret. She was born Sept. 30, 1640, and died May 7, 1708. He died April 7, 1691.

Samuel Stratton Jr., born — ; admitted freeman May 23, 1655. He married May 25, 1651, Mary Frye. Savage says she was possibly the daughter of William Frye of Weymouth, but his daughter Mary was born Jan. 9, 1642, so would have been too young to have married in 1651. The wife of Samuel Stratton died Oct. 27, 1674. After the birth of his first child he removed from Watertown to Concord, where he had purchased land, and where the rest of his children were born. He married (2d) Oct. 20, 1675, Hannah, daughter of Moses and Tamasen Wheat. She was born Jan. 15, 1643, and died before her husband. He died Dec. 5, 1707.

CHILDREN.

ANNAH, b. April 4, 1652; m. April 14, 1671, William Hayward.

MARY, b. Jan. 19, 1656-7; m. Daniel Hoar of Concord.

+ SAMUEL, b. March 5, 1660-1.

JOHN, b. Oct. 28, 1662; died June 9, 1670.

RICHARD, b. Dec. 27, 1664.

JUDAH, b. Nov. 28, 1666; d. March 11, 1667-8.

ELIAZAR, b. Feb. 12, 1668.

JOHN, b. June 4, 1671; d. April 29, 1672.

BY SECOND MARRIAGE.

JOSEPH, b. Oct. 2, 1676.

REBECCA, b. Aug. 26, 1678.

Samuel Stratton 3d, born in Concord, March 5, 1660-1; died Oct. 11, 1726. He married Ruth ——-. He was a weaver and lived in Concord. In 1682 he sold to Palsgrave Wellington, "practitioner of Physick and Chirurgery," a dwelling house and several parcels of land, one of which he held by virtue of the will of his grandfather, Samuel Stratton.

CHILDREN.

SAMUEL, b. Feb. 2, 1689-90; m. Jan. 19, 1709-10, Sarah Allen, of Concord.

He died Jan. 28, 1715-16.

RUTH, b. Jan. 23, 1692-3; m. April 25, 1716, Jonathan Pike, of Concord.

SUSANNAH, b. June 6, 1696; m. July 4, 1718, Moses Keise, of Chelmsford.

MARY, b. June 10, 1698; d. Jan. 5, 1717.

ENOCH, b. Nov. 24, 1700.

JABEZ, b. Feb. 15, 1703.

+ ABIGAIL, b. Jan. 24, 1705-6; m. Joseph Parlin.

ABIGAIL STRATTON m. Joseph Parlin.

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